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Dear Mr. Pearce:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits established by the Act. The Act precludes an individual or a political committee from making a contribution to a national party committee in excess of \$20,000 per calendar year. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a))

If the contribution(s) in question was not completely or correctly reported, you should amend your original report with the correct information. If the contribution made was excessive, you should notify the recipient and request a refund of the amount in excess of \$20,000. You should inform the Commission in writing of such a refund, and the refund should appear on Line 15 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the refund is received.

Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to obtain a refund of the excessive amount(s) will be considered.

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limit set forth in the Act. No political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may make contributions to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. The AOPA did not meet the requirements for qualified multicandidate status as of the date the contribution(s) was made to your